



# GENERAL ORIENTATION



**FORT BLISS and CITY OF EL PASO**



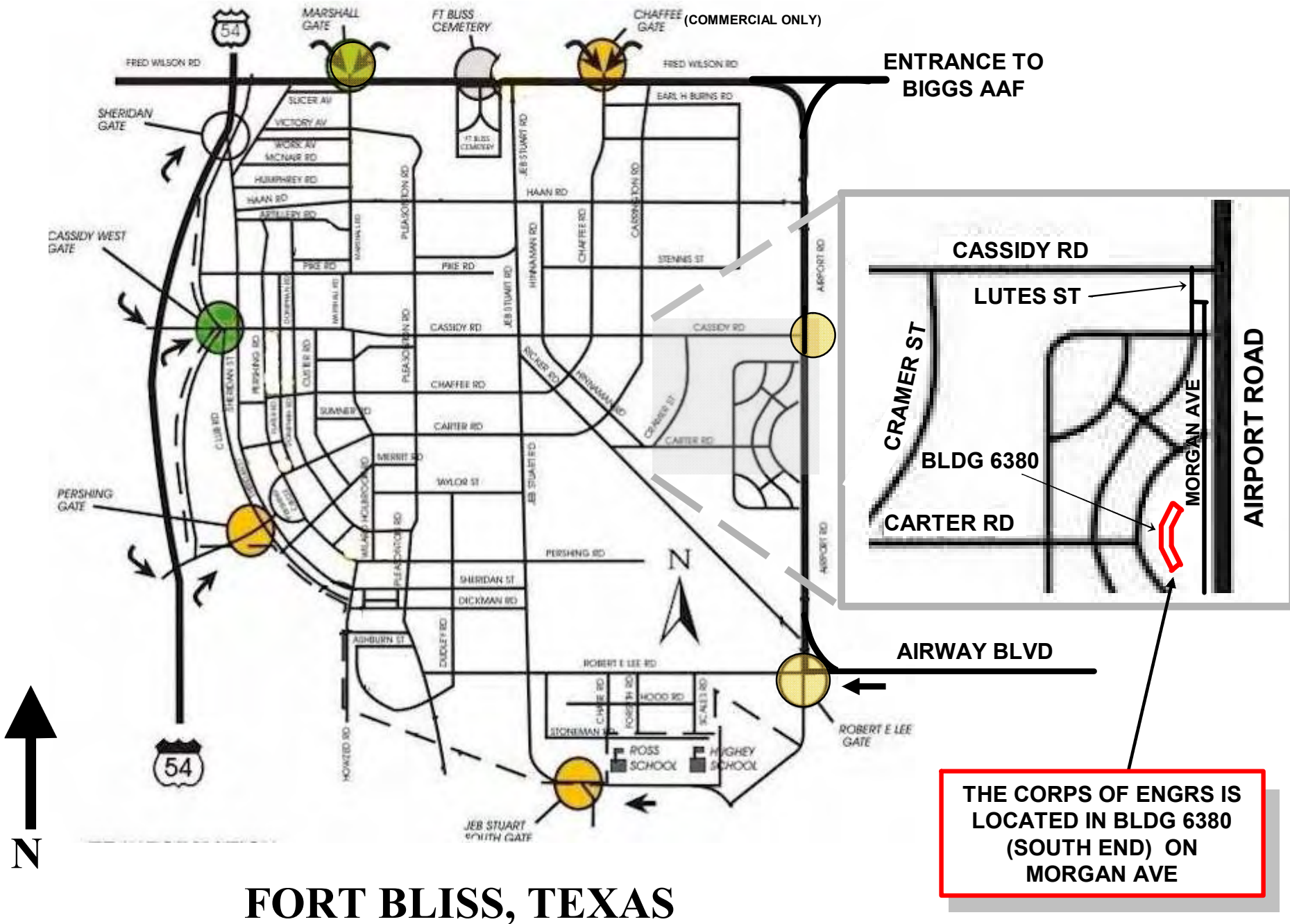
# Fort Bliss



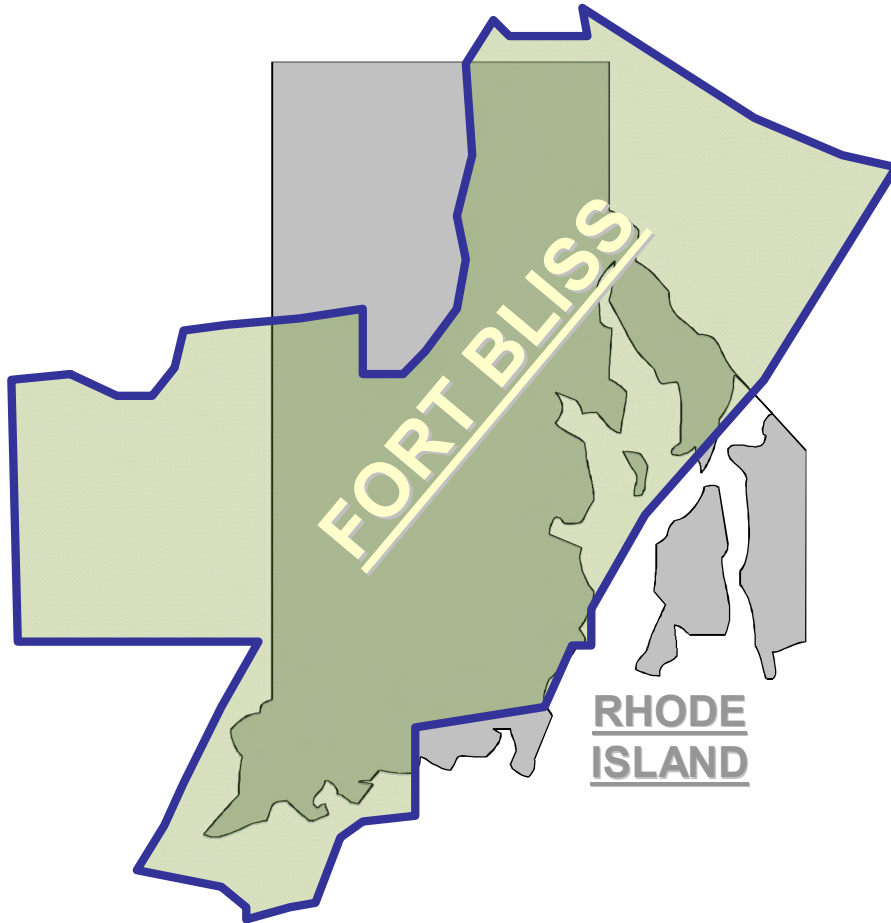




# FORT BLISS, TEXAS



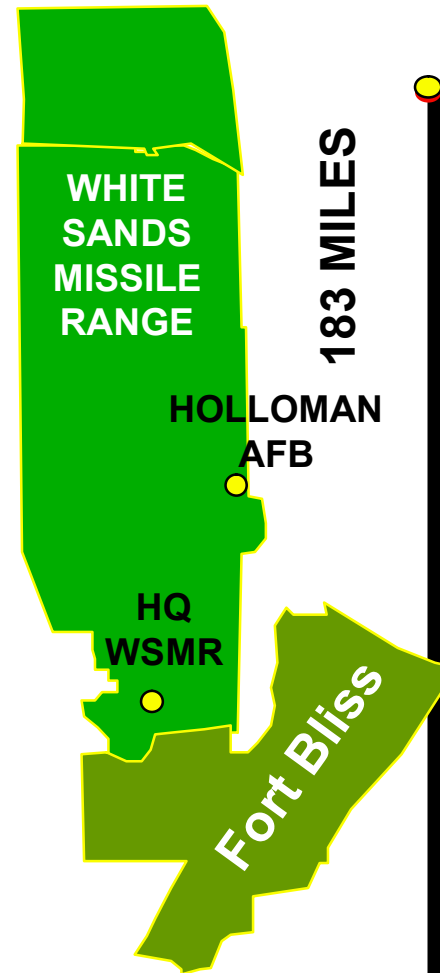
# Fort Bliss = Immense Potential



RHODE ISLAND

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (Acres)

FT BLISS	FT IRWIN	FT POLK	FT HOOD	29 PALMS
1,116,595	585,600	198,968	214,570	596,480
	NTC	JRTC	III Corps	MCAGCC



Trenton, NJ /

Baghdad

Fort Bliss  
& WSMR  
Combined  
Air/land Space

3.5 Million Acres

26% of the  
Army's CONUS  
land mass

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# Fort Bliss - An Community of Over 127,000

- **Active Duty Military**

IMA/TRADOC	3,593
FORSCOM	6,015
Other	9,882



**19,490**

- **Civilian Workforce**

Federal	4,519
Non Federal	2,408

**6,927**

- **Military Family Members**



**16,008**

- **Retirees / Family Members**



**84,708**

***TOTAL***

**127,133**

Source: Regional Economical Impacts of Military  
Installations in the Paso Del Norte Study – 2003 by  
UTEP Institute for Policy and Economic Development

**-Approximately 16.7% of El Paso Population –**

**-Economic Impact on \$1.7B Annually**

**\$4.7M Per Day**



# Fort Bliss – Power Projection Platform

## Rail Deployment



**WON 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE in ARMY 2003  
DEPLOYMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

- **Fast, Efficient, and Safe Rail Operations**
- **Process 320 Rail Cars in 24 Hour Period**
- **Rail Facility:**
  - **Marshalling yard**
  - **Call forward staging area with 12 Spurs**
    - **5 Vehicle Load Ramps**
    - **2 Hot Load Ramps**
    - **5 Spurs to Build 5 Trains (60 cars each)**
- **Award Winning Air Deployment Capability**
- **Total Airfield MOG**
  - **12 x C-5's, 18 x C-17's, 60 x C-130**
  - **4 Hot Load Aprons (Five C-5 or Six C-17)**
  - **Outload ammunition .50 caliber or greater onto aircraft during deployment**

\*Source: 2004 Global Deployment Support System (GDSS) Survey

## Air Deployment



**5681 Fort Bliss Active Duty Soldiers Deployed in support of OIF**

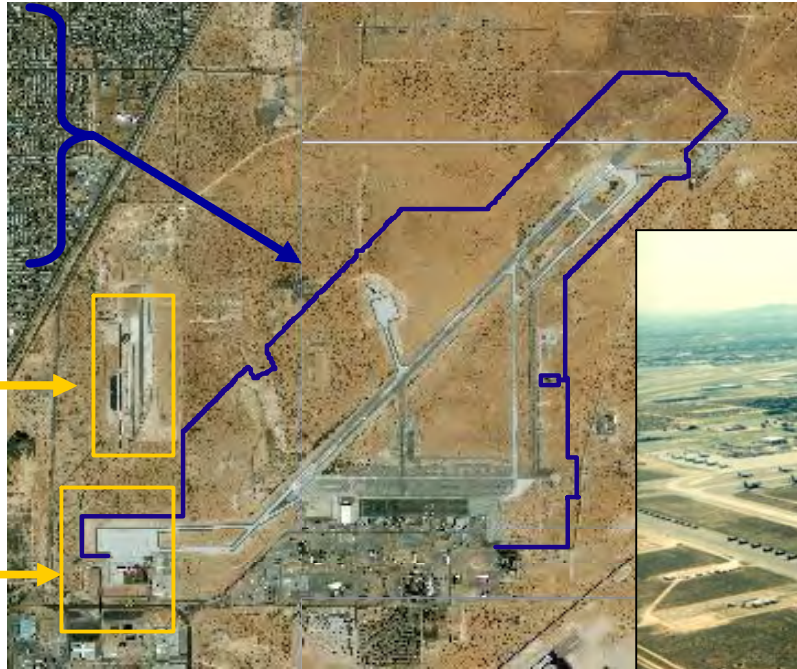


# Biggs Army Airfield

- 10th Longest Runway in the US
- Army's Longest Runway
- Immense Rail Facility
- State of the Art Air Deployment Center

## Other facts:

- Alternate Space Shuttle landing site
- Partner Flight Units:
  - 204<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (ARL)
  - Threat Systems Management Office Flight Detachment
  - Army Helicopter Ambulance Detachment
- Host Site for the annual Amigo Airshow
- Supports Roving Sands, 204<sup>th</sup> MI Bn aircraft transition training, numerous annual tests, and training and deployment exercises.
- USAF Air Mobility Weapons School trains regularly



**Runway Length: 13,572'**  
**Parking for 60 Aircraft\***  
**(Mixed aircraft C-5, C-17, C-141, C-130, and KC-10)**  
**4 Hot Cargo Pads**



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# Fort Bliss - A Premier Mobilization Center

## 6 Critical Missions:

- Unit Mobilization
- Unit Demobilization
- Individual Mobilization
- Individual Demobilization
- Equipment Demobilization
- Special Mobilization Missions



**31,905 Soldiers Deployed since 11 September 2001 including:**

- 16,341 CONUS Replacement Center (CRC) Individual Replacements since February 2003
- National Guard Cavalry Brigade (4310 Soldiers) deploy by Sep 04
- National Guard Infantry Brigade (3900 Soldiers) deploy Jan 05
- National Guard Brigade (4300 Soldiers) arrives Mar 05

**8200 Soldiers Demobilized**

**Nation's Only CONUS Replacement  
Center for Personnel to Iraq and Kuwait.  
Capacity of 350 Individuals Per Week**

# Fort Bliss = Quality of Life



- **LARGEST BOWLING ALLEY IN ARMY**
  - Bowling Thunder Alley – 52 Lanes
  - Centennial Club
    - Conference
    - Banquet Facility
- **OUTSTANDING PHYSICAL FITNESS FACILITIES**
- **HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS**
  - Golfing
    - LPGA
    - WAC Conference Championship
  - World Sport Karate Federation — Sun City International Patriot Games
  - 2006 USA Weightlifting National Masters Championship
- **NATIONALLY ACCREDITED CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**
- **73-SPACE RV PARK**

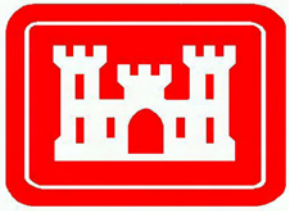




# Fort Bliss Facts

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- **DoD Flagship Installation**
- **A Joint, Interagency, Multi-national Installation**
- **Extraordinary Regional Military Capability**
  - **Fort Bliss, White Sands Missile Range, Holloman AFB**
- **Largest Maneuver Area in the Army**
  - **One Million Acres of Training Space -- *with no environmental limitations!***
- **Can Fire Any Weapon in the Army**
- **Space to Accept an Army Corps, an Air Force Wing, and other Joint Missions**
- **El Paso, Las Cruces, Alamogordo Communities are Extremely Supportive**
- **Great Weather – 300+ Days of Sunshine every year**
- ***A Great Place to Live and Work!***



**WSMR**



# WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE

## MISSION

The mission of White Sands Missile Range begins with a customer – a DoD service developer, another federal agency, or perhaps a friendly foreign government – who is ready to find out if their product will perform the way they need it to. It ends when an exhaustive set of tests have been completed and a report delivered to the customer.

The Range can provide everything from rat traps to telephones, fiber optics, lift capability, high speed color filming to microsecond timing.

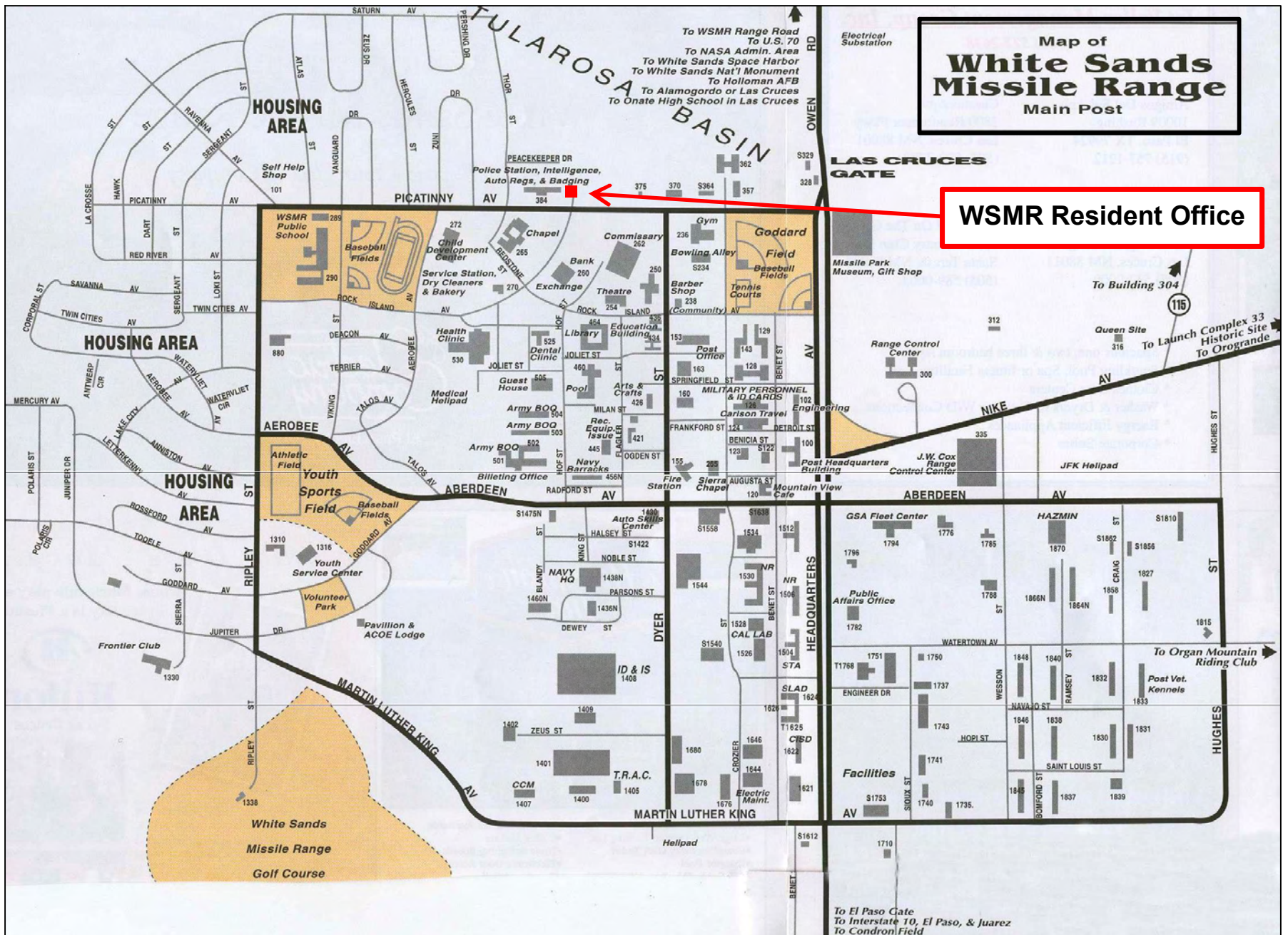
We shake, rattle and roll the product, freeze it, roast it, subject it to nuclear radiation, zap it with a laser beam, dip it in salt water and roll it in the mud. We test its paint, bend its frame and find out what effect the propulsion material has on the flora and fauna. If it's a missile, we fire it, record it's performance, and bring it back in pieces if necessary for a post-mortem examination.

**That, in a nutshell, is the mission of White Sands Missile Range.**



Map of  
**White Sands  
Missile Range**  
Main Post

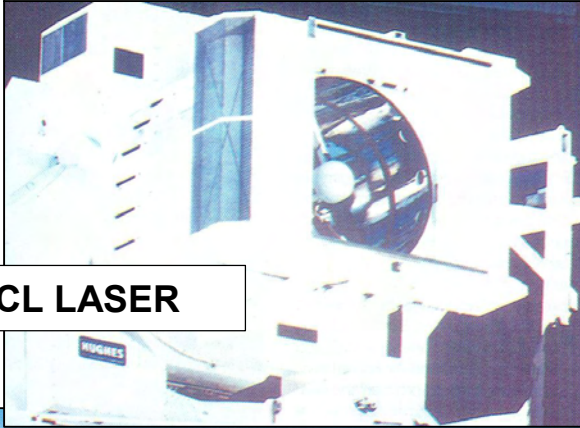
**WSMR Resident Office**



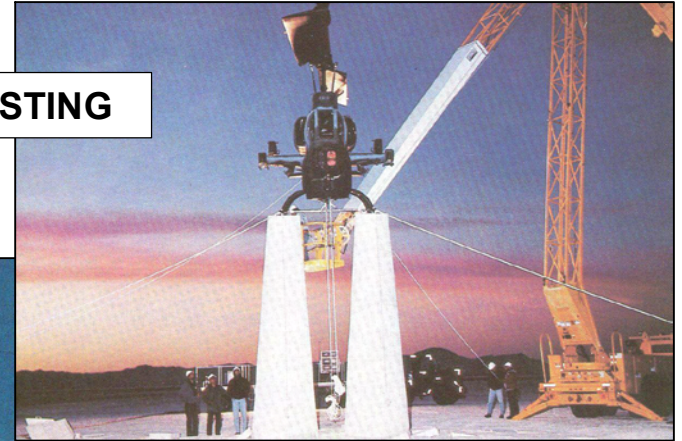


# WSMR -- TESTING CAPABILITIES

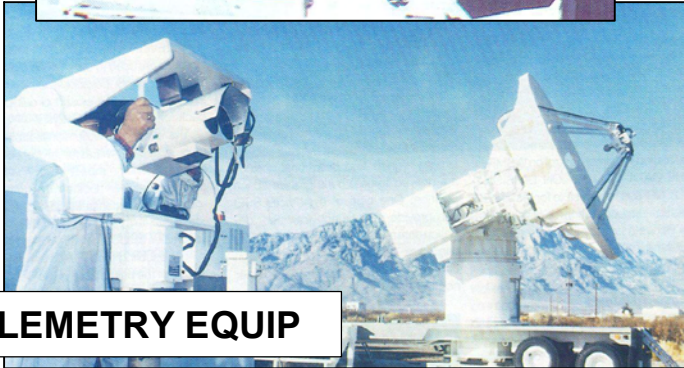
**MIRCL LASER**



**RADAR TESTING**



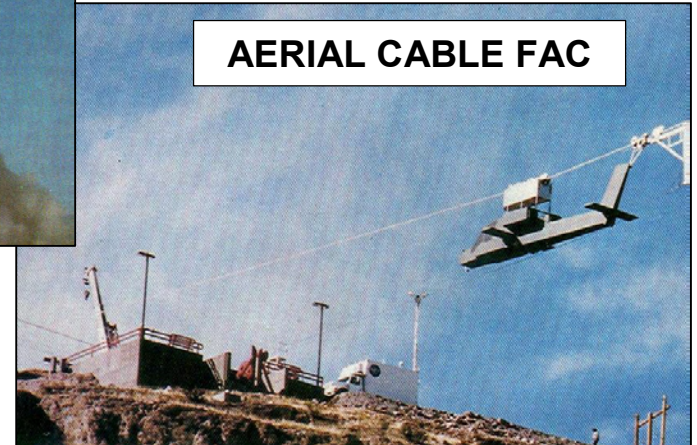
**TELEMETRY EQUIP**



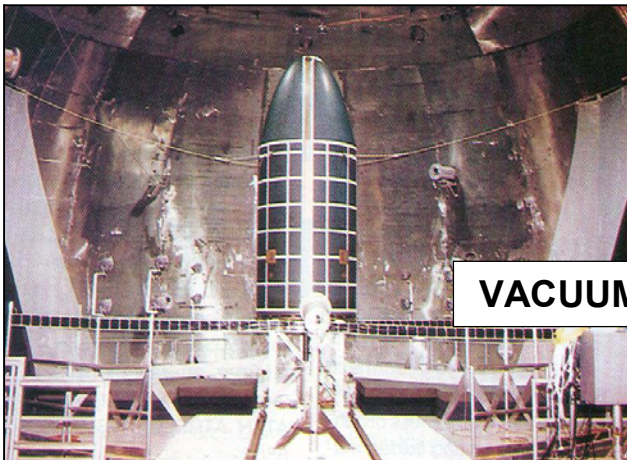
**MISSILE LAUNCH**



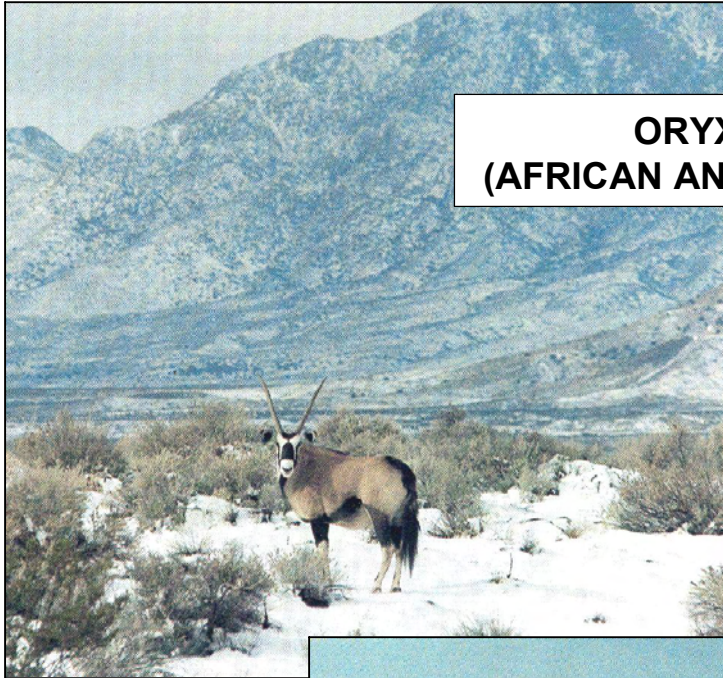
**AERIAL CABLE FAC**



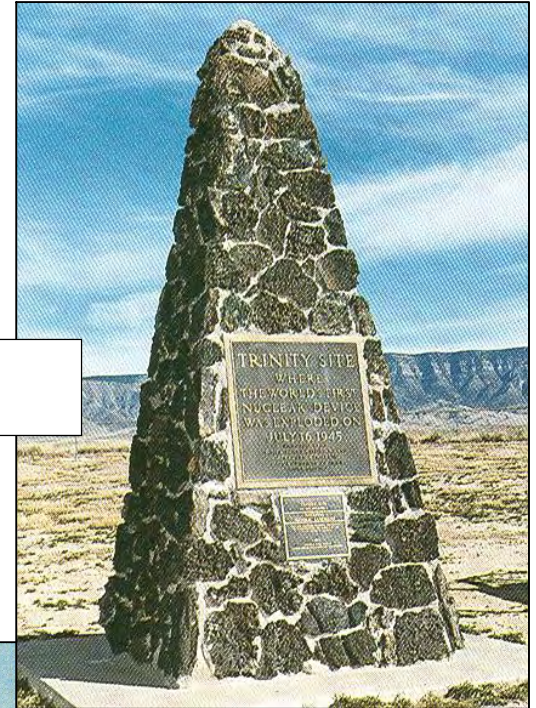
**VACUUM CHAMBER**







**ORYX  
(AFRICAN ANTELOPE)**



**TRINITY SITE**

**COLUMBIA LANDING  
AT NORTHUP STRIP**







**El Paso**





## Chamber of Commerce Stuff

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- Population of Metropolitan Area ~ 750,000
  - 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in TX; 23<sup>rd</sup> largest in US
  - multicultural – 72% Hispanic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest City in America (> 250,000; FBI major crime statistics)
- Elevation = 4,000'
- Great weather
  - Sunshine 320 days/year
  - Average Summer High Temp 96° F (69 ° F at night)
  - Average Winter High Temp 59 ° F (32° F at night)
  - Record High 114° F
  - Record Low - 8 ° F
  - Average annual precip 9 in. (½ in Jun-Aug)



### **The Honorable Silvestre Reyes (D –TX)**

- Currently in his 5<sup>th</sup> term in the House
- Retired Border Patrol Sector Chief
- Great supporter of the military
- Serves on three House committees:
  - House Armed Services
  - Select Committee on Intelligence
  - Veteran's Affairs



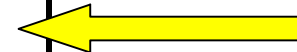




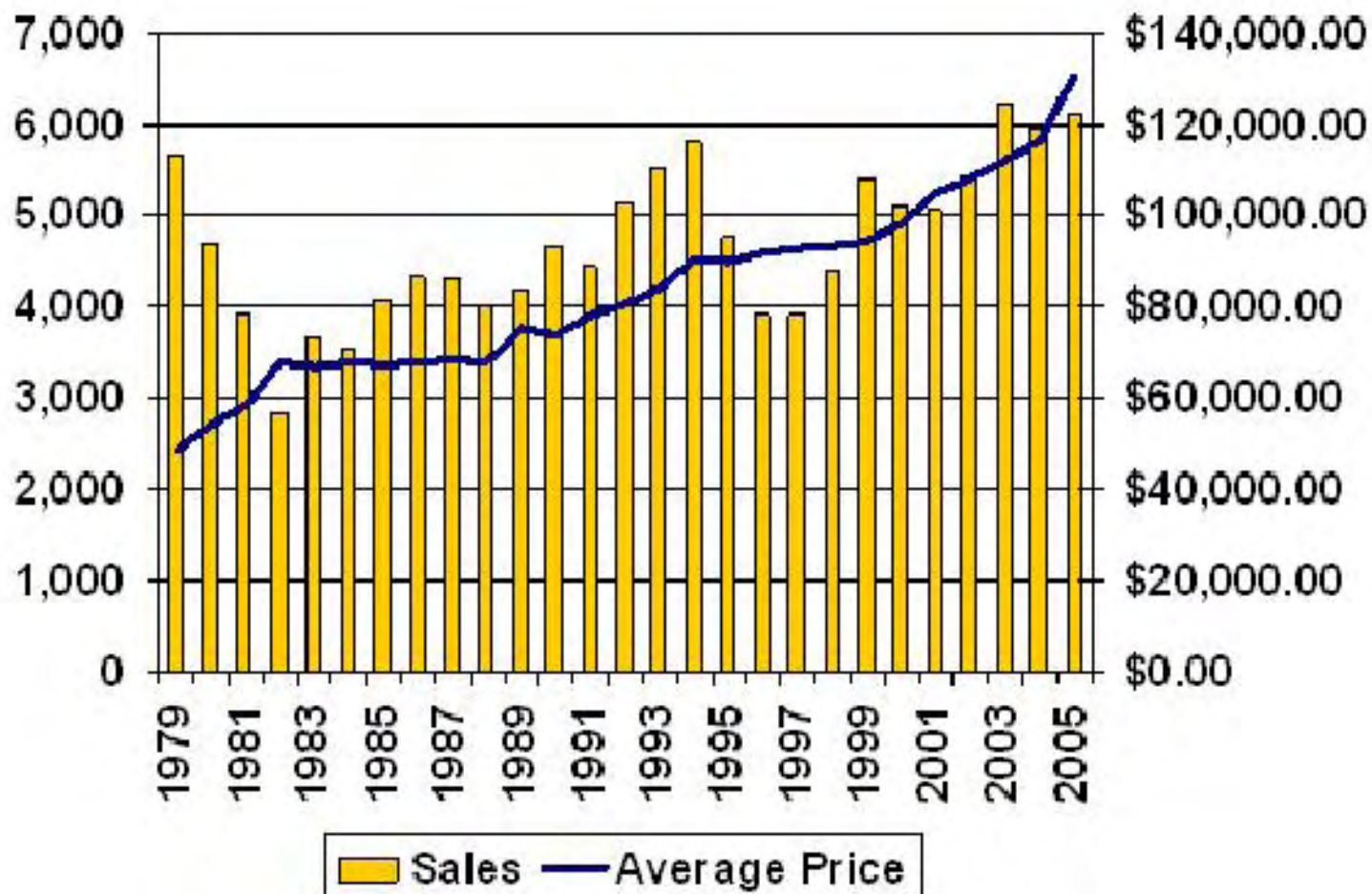
## Cost of Living – El Paso



COST OF LIVING COMPARISION	
Los Angeles, CA	148.8
San Diego, CA	139.8
Minneapolis, MN	111
Denver, CO	104.8
Cleveland, OH	102.8
Albuquerque, NM	102.4
Baton Rouge, LA	100.6
Tucson, AZ	97.3
Dallas, TX	96.8
Las Cruces, NM	95.4
El Paso, TX	92
<b>National Average</b>	<b>100</b>



## Housing in El Paso



# Housing in El Paso



Date	# Sales	Dollar Volume	Average Price	Median Price	Total Listings	Months on Market
2004-Jan	435	48,330,000	111,100	93,500	3,028	5.8
Feb	441	48,215,000	109,300	89,600	3,162	6
Mar	551	60,105,000	109,100	89,000	3,288	6.2
Apr	579	64,980,000	112,200	89,900	3,320	6.2
May	576	68,890,000	119,600	97,500	3,271	6.1
Jun	586	72,925,000	124,400	97,200	-	-
Jul	619	77,745,000	125,600	99,900	-	-
Aug	462	54,045,000	117,000	95,400	-	-
Sep	294	29,910,000	101,700	85,800	-	-
Oct	484	56,625,000	117,000	94,800	-	-
Nov	470	55,690,000	118,500	96,200	-	-
Dec	467	56,610,000	121,200	98,200	-	-
2005-Jan	229	28,630,000	125,000	99,200	-	-
Feb	374	45,825,000	122,500	103,400	-	-
Mar	576	72,700,000	126,200	108,700	-	-
Apr	547	68,630,000	125,500	107,000	-	-
May	559	71,090,000	127,200	104,300	-	-
Jun	421	49,230,000	116,900	106,100	-	-
Jul	420	49,900,000	118,800	110,400	-	-
Aug	443	51,935,000	117,200	109,800	-	-
Sep	356	42,290,000	118,800	111,300	-	-
Oct	513	70,200,000	136,800	113,700	-	-
Nov	470	66,360,000	141,200	120,000	-	-
Dec	444	64,555,000	145,400	124,700	-	-

# ABOUT THE EL PASO AREA

- **El Paso Web Page**
  - <http://www.elpasocvb.com/>





Questions?